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3V, TUNISIA. Giovanni, I5JHW, will once again be active from **3V8BB**. His activity will be from **March 25-31st**. Also joining him will be Sergio/ I5SNR, Danio/I5OYY, Gabriele/IK5ZTW and Roberto/IK5FTQ. The group will be active in the upcoming **CQ WPX SSB Contest** as a Multi/Single, possibly as **3V5I**. QSL via I5JHW.

8Q7, MALDIVES (UPDATE). Lorenzo, IM5MDF, states he will now be active from **Alimatha Island (IOTA AS-013)** as **8Q7DF**, **May 2-10th**. His activity will be on 80-10 meters and he provided the following suggested frequencies: 3780, 7080, 14180, 21280 and 28480 kHz. His equipment will be a Kenwood TS-50 w/AT-50 tuner using a "new Multicres Vertical Multiband" antenna and inverted "V" dipoles. QSL via IK5MDF. For updates, try the WEB page: <http://www.qsl.net/ik5mdf>

A4, OMAN. The "DX News Sheet" reports that the Royal Omani ARS (ROARS) hopes to be active in the **last week of March**, probably as **A43DI** from **Daymaniyat Island**. There is planned activity on 6 meters with IC-706 and 5 element yagi. Also, a 6m beacon, probably on 50100kHz, will be available. Permission has not yet been given for general 6m use in Oman, but Tony, A45ZN, is ready to be active when it is given. He will use a FT-690 and IC-706, 100W to a vertical and 5 element yagi at 60ft. Tony will also run a beacon on 50110 kHz.

A6, U.A.E. Bernie, W3UR, Editor of The Daily DX, reports that Ali's, **A61AJ**, station will be very active on all bands CW and SSB from **March 21st through April 1st**. Ali will also be active full time during the **CQ WPX SSB Contest**. By the way, Bernie is the QSL Manager for Ali and states a very nice color photo QSL card is available. QSL via W3UR, Bernie McClenny, 3025 Hobbs Road, Glenwood, MD 21738, USA. He mentions no E-mail bureau cards.

CV8, URUGUAY. Look for Al, CX8AT, to be active during the **1998 CQ WPX Phone Contest (March 28-29th)** using the special callsign **CV8D**. He states for QSLing to PLEASE

send via his regular callsign CX8AT. All returns will be sent via the bureau.

EP, IRAN. The "DX News Sheet" reports Hamid, **EP3HR**, is active, especially on 17 meters. Check 18150 kHz between 1400 and 1500z. QSL via I2MQP or direct to Hamid Reza Rahimi, P.O. Box 71555-158, Shiraz, Iran.

JAPANESE IOTA. Seven JA operators will be active from **Awashima (IOTA AS-117)** in the Sea of Japan. Activity will be for only two dates, **April 17-18th**. Operators will sign **JG1SZE/0, JJ1SLI/0, JP1TBG/0, JQ1ALQ/0, JI3DST/0, JR9MAR/0** and **7K4FGQ/0**. The group will set up three stations and operate on 40-10 meters CW/SSB. QSL via JARL Bureau to their homecall or direct.

JW, SVALBARD. Ragnar (Rag), OZ8RO, reports to OPDX that he has been bitten by the Arctic bug again and will be active as **JW5HE**, **April 3-9th**. If he can get the computer/modem operational, he will spend some time on RTTY this time. Otherwise, he will focus on 10 and 18 MHz and possible 24 if there are openings. QSL to OZ8RO CBA.

KH0, MARIANA ISLANDS. Zorro, JH1AJT, will be active from the island of **Saipan** as **KG6SL**. Activity will be mainly SSB on 40-10 meters. The length of his stay is not known. QSL via home call. Meanwhile, **KH0AC** was heard on 15 meters this past weekend on 21255 kHz at 2215z and 21295 kHz at 0215z. QSL via K7ZA. Also heard on 15 meters was Larry, **KH0I**, on 21280 kHz at 0145z. He was also heard on 80 meters (3793 kHz) beginning around 1300z.

NEW PREFIX. It has been reported that Terry, VR6TY, on Pitcairn Island, has stated that the VR6 prefixes will switch to the **VP6** prefix beginning **May 1, 1998**. The VR prefix was apparently given over to China on or about the same time that Hong Kong was returned (July 1, 1997).

OTHER NEW HAT TO WEAR. According to the "ARRL Letter", the current ARRL DXCC Manager Bill Kennamer, K5FUV, will replace Chuck Hutchinson, K8CH, as Membership Services Manager at ARRL Headquarters effective April 20. Hutchinson is stepping down and into a part-time role for medical reasons. The "Letter" did not mention whether Bill would be replaced or stay on as DXCC Manager.

PACIFIC DXPEDITIONS. Members of Yamato ARC (JA1JQY, JA1KJW, JA3MCA and JA8VE) will be active from **Tuvalu (T2)** and **Fiji (3D2)**. The group will be in **Tuvalu** from **April 25th to May 1st** and their call signs will be issued upon their arrival. They plan to have three 100 watt stations on 160-10 meters CW/SSB. From **May 2-3rd**, they will be active from **Fiji** as **3D2HI** (JA1KJW), **3D2KZ** (JA8VE), **3D2SH** (JA1JQY) and **3D2TK** (JA3MCA). QSL via their home callsigns.

PORTUGUESE DX NET. Paulo, CT1ETE, reports that the Portuguese DX Net will be reactivated again. The net will be held on Saturdays between 1000 and 1200z on 21280 kHz or 28480 kHz. Net Controller will be CT1ERK.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- You can now look up your QSOs for the **ZL7DK** operation on the WEB. The QSOs

listed are by band and mode (no times). Check out the WEB site at:

<http://ve7tcp.ampr.org/cgi-bin/zl7dk> or http://wwwiti.cs.uni-magdeburg.de/~hoeding/hamradio/zl7dk_main.html

- Mike, **NF4W**, states he would like to become a QSL Manager for a DX station and mentions he has plenty of time to take care of business. Mike can be reach at: Michael W. Taylor, 115 Crompton Drive, Pelzer, SC 29669. His E-mail adress is: nf4w@mci2000.com

SPECIAL EVENT (Submarine Memorial Radio Reactivation). On **April 25th and 26th**, the radio rooms on as many as 23 memorial submarines will come alive with ham activity. This year's lineup will include the Torsk in Baltimore, the Cod in Cleveland and the Growler in New York City. The suggested frequencies will be 3843, 7243, 14243, 21343 and 28343 kHz. QSL information will be available on the air. For more information, E-mail Jim Flanders, W0OOG, at jaf@sprintmail.com

S0, WESTERN SAHARA. Look for S08R and S0RASD to be active on the air between **March 24th and April 20th**. Activity will be mostly on 40, 80 and 160 meters, but 20/15/10 meters will also be used. Reports indicate that the area shall become independent and may receive a new prefix in 1999. QSL direct to EA2JG, Arseli, Barrena 6, 01408 Luyando Alava, Spain. For more information, a WEB site has become available at the following URL address: <http://web.jet.es/rasd/>

S2, BANGLADESH. Mamtaz (YL), **S21J**, has been quite active on 20 meters (between 14200-14216 kHz) this past weekend between 1230 and 1400z. QSL via Mamtaz Shahid, G.P.O. Box 3512, Dhaka-1209, Bangladesh.

USI/IOTA ALERT. The group from the USI Award informed OPDX that Dennis, AA3ID, will be on **Hatteras Island** (IOTA **NA-067**, USI NC-005S) from **March 16-28th**. He will have 80-6 meters available. They indicated that if you need this island, try giving him a call on 14260 or 14265 kHz because Dennis will be monitoring while doing "useful" work down there.

VK9, NORFOLK ISLAND. "The 59(9) DXReport" states Jim, **VK9NS**, is now active on **RTTY** (No QSNs mentioned). His activity on 160/80 meters continues. Check around 1831 kHz between 1115 and 1145z and on 3507 kHz at 1100z. Jim can also be found daily on 14222 kHz beginning about 0400z. QSL direct to P.O. Box 90, Norfolk Island, 2899 Australia.

XV, VIETNAM. Torsten, **XV7TH**, was heard active this past week on 28500 kHz (long path) around 1430z. He was also heard on 14195 kHz around 1500z. Meanwhile Charlie, K4VUD, who was recently in Nepal and work Torsten from 9N land, states that XV7TH can be found on Sundays at 1000z on 21250 or 21179 khz.

YB, INDONESIA. Jorma, OH2KI, will be active **until March 30th**, either as **YB9BV** or **YB9/OH2KI**. Activity will be mainly on CW. QSL via OH2KI.

ZP0, PARAGUAY. Tom, ZP5AZL, will be using the special callsign **ZP0Z** in the **CQ WPX SSB PHONE Contest**. He will be in the contest as a Single Op 20 meter Hig Power entry. QSL via W3HNK or in Paraguay via ZP5MAL.

1998 Visalia DX Convention. The Southern California DX Club is pleased to announce the

programs for the upcoming DX convention. The dates for the convention are May 1, 2 and 3rd. More information about the convention, including a list of hotels, a registration form and the complete preliminary program, can be found at the following WEB page:
<http://www.primenet.com/~scdxc/dxconv98.html> Or E-mail any inquiries to: visalia@scdxc.org

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